

REMARKS

The present paper is presented accompanying a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/US2003/041605. The aforementioned PCT application was filed December 31, 2003, claiming benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/437,200, which was filed December 31, 2002. The foregoing amendment is presented to perfect the above priority claim in the specification.

Further, by the foregoing amendments the claims have been amended to omit multiple dependencies and to conform the claims to U.S. format. The amendments to the claims are requested merely to reduce the number of claims pending in the instant application. These amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer of the Applicant's right to pursue the cancelled subject matter at a later date. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The amendment to claims 11 and 16 are supported by the disclosure of the specification at page in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the specification.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions with respect to this submission.

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